

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
SEGREGATED MAGAZINE STORAGE
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 3560)
Off Perimeter Road in Weapons Storage Area
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-AM

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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Location: Off Perimeter Road in Weapons Storage Area, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.621600.4944120
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1956

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: Building No. 3560 provided means of properly storing and segregating small quantities of explosives of different storage compatibility groups. Segregated storage magazines were provided to minimize use of larger magazines for small quantities of explosives that could not be stored with other groups.

Project Information: Building 3560 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Segregated Magazine Storage (Building No. 3560)

Layout

Building No. 3560 is a 366 square-foot aboveground magazine built in 1956. It is a one-story, concrete block building with a rectangular plan measuring 16'-8" x 22'-0". This building has a newer, front-facing gable roof clad in asphalt shingles; the gable ends are treated with vertical wood siding. The west (front) façade has centered, double metal doors. Extending across this façade is a concrete loading platform. Excluding vent holes on the side elevations, the remaining facades are blank. The building sits atop an approximately 3-foot high concrete foundation base.

Alterations/Additions

The gable roof was added to the building circa 1980; otherwise, there have been no additions or alterations made to Building No. 3560.

Function

Building No. 3560 was utilized as a shelter for storage of small quantities of explosive materials.

Significance

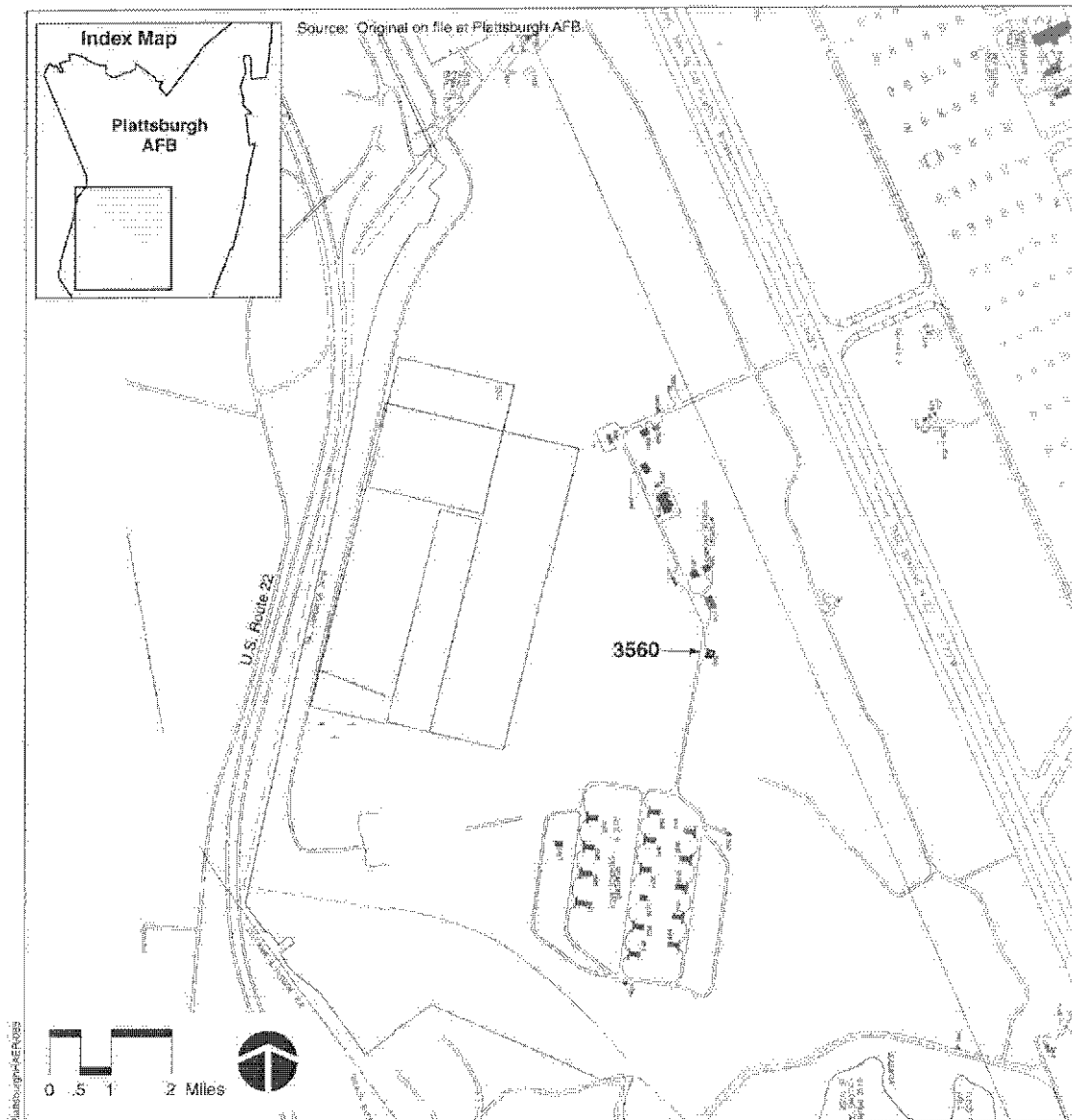
Building No. 3560 was constructed in order to minimize use of larger magazines for storing smaller quantities of explosives that could not be stored with other such material. Because the Strategic Air Command (SAC) mission necessitated the use of volatile material that could not be readily stored with other explosives, and because Building No. 3560 provided the means to segregate and warehouse such material, it was important to the overall SAC Cold War mission.

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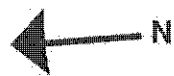
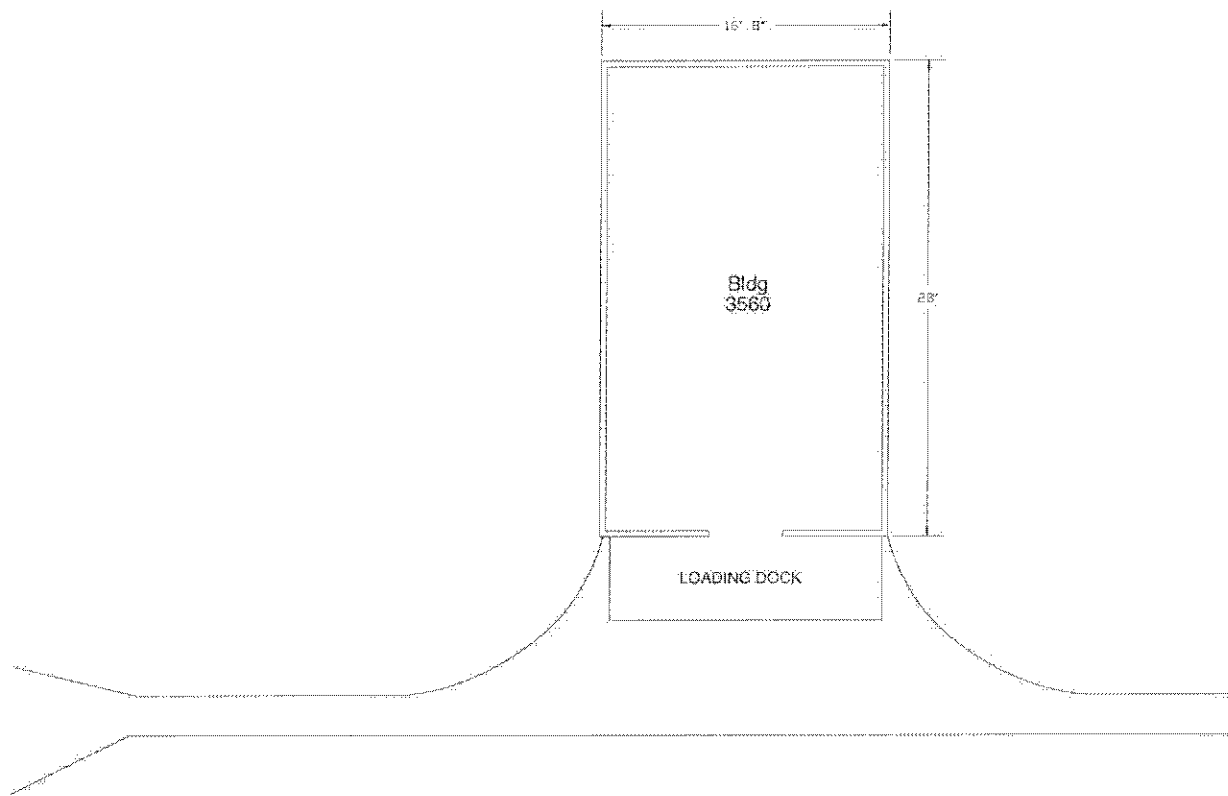
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Sketch not to Scale

SKETCH PLAN – SEGREGATED MAGAZINE STORAGE BUILDING
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 3560)
(Source: Plattsburgh AFB CAD File, Prepared by the United States Air Force, ca 2000)
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